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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a match between users, comprising:

receiving and storing user information from a first unpaid user;

providing the user information to a second unpaid user;

receiving a request to contact the first unpaid user for a desired match from the second unpaid user;

sending a message to the first unpaid user to notify the first unpaid user of the request by the second unpaid user, the message requesting a payment registration from at least one of the first unpaid user to receive contact identification information of the second unpaid user and second users; and

sending contact identification information to ~~at least one of the first user and second users~~ in response to the payment registration being made,

wherein the first user does not receive the contact information of the second user without making the payment and communication between the first user and the second user is not enabled.

2. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 1, wherein the requesting of registration includes requesting payment from the second user.

3. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 1, wherein the requesting registration includes requesting payment from the first user.

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4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user information includes article identification information.
5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the contact identification information includes personal contact identification information.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 5, further including receiving information via a network.
7. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further including in response to the receiving a request includes sending a message to the first user that one or more other users have desired a match, and providing a message for such interest in a list for the first user.
8. (Currently Amended) A system of providing a match between users, comprising:
 - means for receiving and storing user information from a first unpaid user;
 - means for providing the user information to a second unpaid user;
 - means for receiving a request to contact the first unpaid user for a desired match from the second unpaid user;
 - means for sending a message to the first unpaid user to notify the first unpaid user of the request by the second unpaid user, the message requesting a payment registration from at least one of the first unpaid user to receive contact identification information of the second unpaid user and second users; and
 - means for sending contact identification information to ~~at least one of the first user and second users~~ in response to the payment registration being made,

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wherein the first user does not receive the contact information of the second user without making the payment and communication between the first user and the second user is not enabled.

9. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 8, wherein the means for requesting registration includes requesting payment from the second user.
10. (Cancelled) A system according to claim 8, wherein the means for requesting registration includes means for requesting payment from the first user.
11. (Original) A system according to claim 8, wherein the user information includes article identification information.
12. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 8, wherein the contact identification information includes personal contact identification information.
13. (Original) A system according to claim 12, further including means for receiving information via a network.
14. (Original) A system according to claim 8, further including means responsive to receiving a request includes means for sending a message to the first user that one or more other users have desired a match, and for providing a message of such interest in a list for the first user.